

## **FISCAL UPDATE News Article**

Fiscal Services Division
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## **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD**

**Meeting.** The Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB) met September 16, 2015, in the Grimes Building on the State Capitol complex.

**Draft Reports Discussed.** Staff provided a draft copy of the PSAB annual report. The report includes recommendations the Board is considering regarding human trafficking. The final report will be presented at the November meeting. Additionally, a draft analysis of human trafficking in lowa was discussed. There is very little information currently available making it difficult to determine how large of a problem trafficking is in lowa. This analysis may be combined with the Sex Offender Research Council Report. A consideration is to look at human trafficking with labor issues, and not just examine the sex trade.

**New Chairperson.** Tom Ferguson, current chair of the Advisory Board, has taken a new position with the lowa Attorney General's Office as the Prosecuting Attorneys Training Coordinator and will also serve as the Executive Director of the Iowa County Attorneys Association. After discussion, Tom Walton was elected to serve as chair of the PSAB.

**Governor's Task Force on Justice Policy Reform.** It was noted that the Governor's Working Group on Justice Police Reform will be holding four meetings during September and October. The meetings will be held in Room G9 of the Capitol building as follows:

- September 24 Mental health/drug courts and jury pool selection
- September 30 Juvenile records and prison/jail phone rates
- October 15 Subgroup updates and open discussion with the public
- October 29 Review of subgroup proposals and final strategy recommendations

**Next Meeting.** The PSAB is scheduled to meet November 18, 2015, in Des Moines in a joint session with the Sex Offender Research Council.

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